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For: OPTICAL BRANCHING COMPONENT WITH
LOW POLARISATION SENSITIVITY AND
INCREASED PROCESS TOLERANCE

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RESPONSE A

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Response A is in reply to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2007. Payment for an appropriate Extension of Time is submitted herewith.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 6 of this paper.